

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed July 28, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

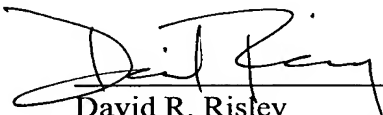
Claims 36-79 have been rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable in view of claims 28-35 of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,248 ("the '248 patent"). Although Applicant does not concur that claims 36-79 are unpatentable in view of claims 28-35 of the '248 patent, Applicant, in the interest of expediting issuance of a patent, has submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer that disclaims any portion of term for a patent issuing from the present application that will extend beyond the term of the '248 patent. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant notes that claim 49 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Therefore, that amendment has not been made to avoid prior art, and does not affect the scope of claim 49.

CONCLUSION

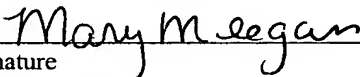
Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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